

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* MAY 5, 2026**

Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, HR & Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Doug Ratermann-HMG, Josh Wessel, Cole Kreke, Brady Beckmann, Braden Kaegy, Zoey Kuhl, Haley Becker, Clara Gerdes, Karsyn Voss, Carter Spihlmann, Elijah Allen, Jackson Gomez, Xaiden Foppe, Nolan Korte, Landon Toennies, Luke Pruett, Cole Springer, Keylan Jackson, Lily Butler, Tyree Jackson, Dallas Rehkemper.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE:**

No report.

#### **UTILITIES:**

Public Works Manager Don Voss reported that the Water Treatment Plant started running free chlorine on Friday and hydrants are being flushed.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Jung to award the 2027 MFT Maintenance bid for bituminous materials HFE-150 to DMS Contracting, Inc. for \$2.92/gallon totaling \$87,600. On roll call voting “aye”: Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Davinroy to award the 2027 MFT Maintenance bid for seal coat aggregate CA15 to Zachary Farms for \$20.85/ton totaling \$29,190. On roll call voting “aye”: Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Essenpreis to approve hiring Josh Wessel full time to the Street Department effective May 18, 2026. On roll call voting “aye”: Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Hellige thanked the Utilities crew and Police Department for their attentiveness during the recent storms.

Alderman Hellige reported that the Breese Optimist and Breese Police will host a Bicycle Safety Course on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot.

## **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Dog Park is officially open.

Alderman Davinroy also announced that Breese Soccer signups will be 9 a.m.—12 p.m. at Miners Park on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Alderman Usselmann reported that the Breese Library will have their Summer Reading Program and a new Speaker Series. He also thanked the Breese Lions Club for donating an AED device to the Breese Library.

## **ZONING:**

No report.

## **HEALTH:**

Alderman Essenpreis thanked the Street Department for hosting the Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Ratermann to approve Mayor Timmermann re-appointing Dennis Book to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve Mayor Timmermann re-appointing Gwen Fischer and Allison Nettemeyer to the Library Board for a 3-year term. On roll call voting "aye: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk